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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixty-fifth session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", decided that in July of each year the General Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and should also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report should include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 65/518 of 8 December 2010); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 65/522 of 10 December 2010); Second Committee (decision 65/529 of 20 December 2010); Third Committee (decision 65/539 of 21 December 2010); and Sixth Committee (decision 65/511 of 6 December 2010).

4. To assist the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains only the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly. The details of the draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly

First week (12-16 September)

Tuesday, afternoon	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday	Meeting of the General Committee

[1] The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

[2] Items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-sixth session (A/66/50). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the preliminary list but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Friday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]
Second week (19-23 September)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday and Tuesday	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [119]: High-level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (resolution 65/238)
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Tuesday	Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa [20 (e)]: high-level meeting on the theme "Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication" (resolution 65/160)
Wednesday to Friday	General debate [8][3] (resolutions 65/160 and 65/279)
	[Promotion of human rights]
Thursday	Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action [68 (b)]: high-level meeting to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (resolution 65/279)
Third week (26-30 September)	
Monday to Friday	General debate [8]
Fourth week (3-7 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [111]
Fifth week (10-14 October)	
	[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

[3] The Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization as the first item before the opening of the general debate.

Tuesday	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [64 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [13]: joint debate
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [114 (a)]
Sixth week (17-21 October)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday	1. Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal [11]
	2. Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations[4] [15]; Culture of peace [16]: joint debate
Wednesday	Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [14]: joint debate
Seventh week (24-28 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [114 (b)]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [41]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Wednesday	1. Report of the International Court of Justice [73]
	2. Report of the International Criminal Court [76]
Friday	*United Nations Day Concert*

[4] The inclusion of this item in the provisional agenda of the sixty-sixth session is subject to any action the Assembly may take on it at its sixty-fifth session.

Eighth week (31 October-4 November)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday, p.m.	Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [28 (b)]: meeting devoted to the launch of the International Year of Cooperatives 2012 (resolution 65/184)
	[Disarmament]
Tuesday	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [87]
	[Promotion of human rights]
Thursday	Report of the Human Rights Council [65]
Ninth week (7-11 November)	
Monday	*Official United Nations holiday (Eid al-Adha)*
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters; Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday	1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [113]
	2. Report of the Security Council [30]; Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [124]:[3] joint debate
Thursday	Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [114 (c)]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Friday	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [74]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [75]: joint debate

Tenth week (14-18 November)

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	1. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [116 (a)]
	2. Election of the members of the International Law Commission [116 (b)]
	3. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [116 (c)]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday	1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [32]
	2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [119]: specific meeting focused on development

Eleventh week (21-25 November)

	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday	The situation in Afghanistan [38]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [14]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [119]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: central role of the United Nations system on global governance [125]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [126]: joint debate
	2. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [117 (f)]
	3. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [117 (g)]
	4. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [122];[3] Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [123]:[3] joint debate

Thursday	*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving Day)*
Twelfth week (28 November-2 December)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday, p.m. and Wednesday a.m. and p.m.	1. Question of Palestine [37]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [36]
	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Thursday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [71 (a) to (c)]; Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence [72]: joint debate
Thirteenth week (5-9 December)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday	Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [28 (b)]: meetings devoted to follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers and the commemoration of its tenth anniversary (resolution 63/153)
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Tuesday	Oceans and the law of the sea [77 (a) and (b)]: joint debate
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Wednesday and Thursday	Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference [19]: fifth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (resolution 65/145)
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday	1. Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]
	2. Global road safety crisis [12]
	3. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [33]
	4. Prevention of armed conflict [34]
	5. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [35]
	6. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [39]
	7. Election of two members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [116 (d)]
	8. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [121]
	9. Global health and foreign policy [128]
	(12 December-end of 13 weeks)